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SUBJECT: ISRAELE AIRSTRIKES ON FEDAYEEN CAMPS IN LEBANON

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF TODAY'S ISRAELI AIR STRIKES AGAINST FEDAYEEN TARGETS IN LEBANON REPRESENT A CHANGE IN PAST ISRAELI PRACTICE OF HITTING MILITARY TARGETS AND AVOIDING, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS. FOR THE RECORD, AT LEAST, THE ISRAELIS WILL CLAIM THAT NO SUCH CHANGE HAS OCCURRED.

THE ISRAELI MILITARY COMMAND'S INITIAL COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE STRIKES WERE AGAINST "TERRORIST POSITIONS" IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON WHERE ARAB GUERRILLAS OPERATE. JERUSALEM IS LIKELY TO HED TO THIS LINE AND WILL DENY THE ANTICIPATED ARAB CHARGES THAT ISRAEL INTENTIONALLY STRUCK AT CIVILIAN TARGETS IN RETALIATION FOR YESTERDAY'S BLOOD BATH IN THE NORTHERN ISRAELI TOWN OF MAALOT.

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CLAIMS TO BE STRIKING ONLY FEDAYEEN MILITARY CONCENTRATIONS, OFFICES,
COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING INSTALLATIONS.

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THE METHODS AND ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVES OF THE ISRAELI AIR STRIKES
BEAR A REMARKABLE SIMILARITY TO THE POST-MUNICH ISRAELI REPRISALS
IN SEPTEMBER 1972. AT THAT TIME, FEDAYEEN INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING
THOSE IN REFUGEE CAMPS, IN SYRIA AND LEBANON WERE HIT. FOREIGN
MINISTER EBAN SAID AT THAT TIME THAT ISRAEL WOULD "TAKE ALL NECESSARY
MEASURES TO STRIKE AT THE PERPETRATORS OF THE MURDERS" AND WOULD
"FIGHT THE TERRORISTS WHEREVER WE FIND THEM." THIS IS STILL THE
ISRAELI POSITION.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT TODAY'S STRIKES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST
CAMPS USED BY THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF
PALESTINE, WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK ON
BEAALOT. THAT ORGANIZATION REPORTEDLY HAS ONLY TWO TRAINING CAMPS:
ONE IS AT TRIPOLI IN NORTHERN LEBANON, THE OTHER AT MAULIA, SYRIA.
THE GROUP'S HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WAS DESTROYED DURING THE ISRAELI

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